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SHOULD INDICATE OUR INTEREST IN CONSULTING ON THE GLOBAL SITUATION CREATED BY SOVIET AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN. THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD STATE THAT U.S.-ARGENTINE RELATIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO US. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT FAILURE OF ARGENTINA TO COOPERATE ON GRAIN WILL BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE BETWEEN OUR NATIONS WITH POTENTIAL FAR-REACHING EFFECTS.

4. IF PRESIDENT VIDELA IS INTERESTED, THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE GLAD TO SEND A SPECIAL HIGH LEVEL EMISSARY TO BUENOS AIRES FOR A BROAD REVIEW OF OUR RELATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW CONDITIONS CREATED BY THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. IN SUCH A REVIEW, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXPLORE SUCH ISSUES AS:

-- THE SOVIET CHALLENGE AND ARGENTINA'S ROLE IN WESTERN SECURITY;
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-- THE U.S. STANCE IN MULTILATERAL FORA WHERE THE
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA IS UNDER DISCUSSION:

-- POSSIBLE U.S.-ARGENTINE TECHNICAL COOPERATION
IS SUCH AREAS AS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

-- POSSIBLE FORMS OF INCREASED POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS.

5. THERE MAY BE OTHER AREAS IN WHICH ARGENTINA MAY
BE INTERESTED.

6. PLEASE REPORT ASAP ARGENTINE REACTION. VANCE
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